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## **STATUS REQUEST**

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that Applicant's attorneys be advised of the current status of the above-identified application. The last communication Applicant's attorneys had with the Patent Office was receipt of the Notice of Publication of Application dated September 16, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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